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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jerry Zellars
Public Information Officer

Date: October 8, 2012

RE: **Updated information Rock Springs WAEA Presentations**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will present five briefings concerning the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA) during October.

The following table identifies the date, time, and host location for each of the briefings. Please note the time adjustment for the Rock Springs location.

Date & Time	Location	Event
October 10 3pm - 5pm	Cheyenne <i>Bridge Room 126 Hathaway Bldg.</i>	WAEA & Multi-tiered Presentation
October 12 12pm - 2pm	Gillette <i>Educational Service Center 1000 W 8th Street</i>	WAEA & Multi-tiered Presentation
October 16 10am - 12pm	Rock Springs <i>3550 Foothill Blvd.</i>	WAEA & Multi-tiered Presentation
October 16 6pm - 8pm	Cody <i>919 Cody Ave</i>	WAEA & Multi-tiered Presentation
October 24 3:30pm - 5:30pm	Newcastle <i>116 Casper Ave.</i>	WAEA & Multi-tiered Presentation

The WDE briefing will include:

- Part A discussion of the Pilot Model which is designed to demonstrate how data from various sources can be combined to categorize schools. The three indicators being used are achievement, growth and career and college readiness.
- Part B will focus on the Wyoming State System of Support.

BACKGROUND:

The Wyoming Legislature Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability and its Advisory Committee, along with a contracted consultant, proposed a basic outline for accountability to the 2012 legislature. The bill was introduced, amended multiple times by the 2012 Wyoming state legislature, and passed as Senate File 0057. It became Enrolled Act 65 and was signed into law by Governor Matt Mead on March 21, 2012.

The WAEA legislation contains seven goals, they are: 1. Become a national education leader among states; 2. Ensure all students leave Wyoming schools career or college ready; 3. Recognize student growth and increase the rate of that growth for all students; 4. Recognize student achievement and minimize achievement gaps; 5. Improve teacher, school and district leader quality; 6. Maximize efficiency of Wyoming education; 7. Increase credibility and support for Wyoming public schools.

The WDE identified six themes throughout the legislation, they are: 1. Assessment; 2. Accountability (School Performance Rating and Reporting); 3. Support and capacity building; 4. Teacher/leader effectiveness; 5. District and state assessment system; 6. Future direction.

In addition to district staff, persons invited to attend include state legislators, teachers, and interested public.

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